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ADDENDUM TO JOURNAL

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1. [] Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on Soviet space activities during the later part of August. Mr. Wilson advised that Representative Olin E. Teague, Chairman, Subcommittee on Manned Space Flight, would not be returning to the city for another week and in consequence he would have no occasion before that time to relay the information to him. Mr. Wilson noted in passing that their Committee staff is fortunate in that the individual members, from the Staff Director down, enjoy bipartisan support from the Committee members and that regardless of any possible changes that might result from the November elections little change would be anticipated in the staff structure of the Committee.

In meeting briefly with the Executive Director and Chief Counsel of the Committee, Mr. Charles F. Ducander, it was also learned, Mr. W. H. Boone, the Chief Technical Consultant of the Committee, has retired and taken a position with Comsat.

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2. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who advised that the scheduling of a meeting between the Director and the CIA Subcommittee would be raised with the Chairman now that the conference on the Defense authorization bill has been completed. Mr. Blandford noted in passing that there has been strong criticism within the Committee of the role of intelligence in the Czechoslovakian take-over. This criticism is directed primarily at DIA and is his opinion will be causing problems for that agency.

I met later with Chairman Rivers in response to his request. The Chairman indicated that he had been advised that "Russians had been picked up in the Ashau Valley" and asked if we had any word on it. After checking with DDI, I advised that PW information and other reports have indicated from time to time that teams or small units of Russian correspondents, electrical technicians, military advisors, etc., have entered South Vietnam. None have been seen or picked up by allied forces.

Mr. Rivers also inquired whether any confirmation has been received of the news reports concerning the Pueblo. I advised that to date we have no confirmation on these reports. Mr. Rivers once again requested that he be kept advised concerning the Pueblo and its crew.

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